

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of claims 3-4 which has been canceled, and to eliminate an alleged indefiniteness therein. Claim 5 has been amended to provide its proper dependency. Claims 3-4 have been canceled.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance, and Action to that end is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 now incorporates the subject matter of claims 3-4 and, thus, corresponds in scope to claim 4 that was dependent on claim 3 dependent on claim 1. Claim 4, was indicated, together with claims 5-8 dependent thereon as being allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. It is respectfully submitted that amending claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claims 3-4 is tantamount to rewriting claim 4 in independent form.

Accordingly, claim 1, together with claims 5-8 now dependent thereon, are in condition for allowance.

Claims 9-11 are allowed. Thus, only allowable claims remain in the application. Allowance of the subject application is respectfully requested.

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